

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2025
Olympia-Lacey Church of God
President Karen Younkins presiding

1. Thank you to Sheila Morrison for bringing snacks today; Barb Malone will bring snacks in February.
2. December meeting minutes (on the website) were approved as posted.
3. The Treasurer's report, sent to the membership via email on January 8th, was approved as presented.
4. There was a call put forward for more meeting presentations in the months to come; thank you to Mike and Cindy Extine for this month's show on walking the Thames Trail.
5. A recap of the Holiday walk revealed that we had 73 walkers, \$216.00 generated, with \$76.00 in donations. A few new people expressed interest in our club and were given pamphlets/info.
6. Another call was put forth for more traditional walks to be held this year; so far, we have only two on the books, including a Hawk's Prairie walk and Northwest Trek. The Salmon walk was mentioned, but we need a coordinator, and also another walk at Staircase was proposed.
7. Please turn in finished Scavenger hunt books to Pam Greig-Davis. A call for new challenges was put forth with ideas such as murals, geographic shapes, cats, coffee/tea shops, neighborhood watch signs, rainbows, colored front doors, birdhouses, out-of-state license plates mentioned. It was decided that Karen would send out an email with a few choices and elicit a vote. The Daffodil club will be doing vanity license plates this year.
8. Pam summarized the AVA challenge, Walking with the Wild Things, and stated that she has sold 112 books so far with \$984.00 collected. A patch for the challenge is being readied.
9. Pam and Chase Davis introduced another option for this year's Holiday walk headquarters as a contrast with the usual Harbor House. It is a property used by a Police union, which is located near the Capitol, is said to be a large room, with parking in back, and would be available to us for free. They have spoken with the staff in charge of the space, who were said to have agreed for us to be able to use it. Neither has toured the space as of yet but said they will do so when practical. It is located at 200 Union Ave. in Olympia. Further info will be forthcoming.
10. Pam mentioned that there is a Zoom meeting of the ESVA (Evergreen State Volkssport Association) on January 25 to which all are welcome to attend. Further meetings are in April, July, and October.
11. Please send articles and photos to Diane Evans by February 1st to be included in the Feb/March Newsletter, which should be out around February 6th.
12. Karen asked if any members were planning on attending the AVA convention in April in New Mexico. Someone is needed at the meeting to be a delegate for our club. Diane Evans has agreed to go, and there is also some interest from some other members who haven't yet committed. The form to apply to be a delegate should be postmarked by March 15th. The additional members who are on the fence should decide by next month's meeting.

13. Bonnie Tucker gave a report as the Area Coordinator for ESVA. She explained that we now have 4 clubs active in the South Sound area: Capitol Volkssport Club, Daffodil Valley, Evergreen Wanderers, and the Pathfinder Club. She then described the Pathfinder publication (shout-out to Chase Davis,) and urged the membership to check it out for all our regional walking club news if they aren't already subscribed. She listed the Daffodil club's special walks coming up for this year, and discussed the ongoing Winter challenge (please see the ESVA club website for more information.)

14. It was announced that nominations for AVA Regional Director and Deputy Director are needed by the middle of February. There are two candidates already lined up, but more are always welcome to apply. The roles were described as quite intense and time-consuming, so only those very interested and with enough time in their schedule should consider these roles.

15. Please note that for our scheduled walk in the Tacoma-Proctor district on February 27, we will be registering at the Curran Coffee shop at 2123 30th St. in Tacoma, and not at the usual Safeway store on Proctor St. We will then drive back up to the Safeway to start our walk as usual. This is because the Safeway is undergoing renovation and cannot host our start box until the renovations are complete.

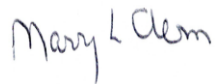
16. Our pilot project with stickers instead of stamping has begun. We like it so far.

17. Box Tenders and Event Leaders please contact the Trailmasters (Chase Davis and Pam Greig-Davis) if you have printing needs.

18. A suggestion for a get-well card was given for Liz Morrison, who will have surgery tomorrow.

19. With no further business brought forth, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Clem".

Mary Clem, Secretary, CVC